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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1775

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR ET SO

SUBJ: INCREASED GSDR HARASSMENT OF ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY HERE

1. SUMMARY: ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED US TO PASS MESSAGE TO IEG ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTING HIS RECALL FOR CONSULTATIONS IN VIEW OF RECENT GSDR SURVEILLANCE AND PETTY HARASSMENT OF ETHIOPIAN MISSION HERE. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY'S ROUGH ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF AMHARIC TEXT OF MESSAGE WHICH ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR ASKS BE PASSED TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, ADDIS:

"SINCE DECEMBER 4, BETWEEN NINE AND TEN NSS PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO MAKE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR SURVEILLANCE OF EMBASSY AND PERSONNEL. EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS ARE BEING FOLLOWED EVERYWHERE AND THE TIRES OF THEIR CARS DEFLATED BY SOMALI SECURITY PEOPLE. THIS IS CAUSING MANY PROBLEMS; THE SOMALIS ARE DRIVING DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO OUR CARS. THIS IS FIRST TIME THAT THIS MUCH PROVOCATION HAS OCCURRED DURING PAST FOUR YEARS. WE NOW FEEL IT HAS REACHED POINT THAT PHYSICAL SECURITY PROBLEM EXISTS FOR OUR STAFF. BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY OF SERIOUS INCIDENT, I HAVE ASKED FOR URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT SIAD.

"PERHAPS THIS IS CALCULATED STEP BY GSDR TO FORCE US TO CLOSE OUR MISSION HERE. REQUEST THAT YOU REVIEW MATTER IN THIS
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LIGHT.

"BECAUSE OUR CYPHER EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN SENT TO ADDIS FOR REPAIR, IT IS DIFFICULT TO REPORT THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.

"REQUEST URGENT PERMISSION TO CONSULT IN ADDIS IN VIEW OF SERIOUSNESS THIS MATTER."

3. AMHARIC TEXT:

HER EXCELLENCY MISS YODIT IMIRU
ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER
ADDIS ABABA

KEDECEMBER ARAT JEMIRO BEEMBASIYACHIN WANA MEGBYA FIT BEHAYA
METER RIKET TAKAMTAW KEZETEGN ESKE ASIR YEMIHONU YETSETITA
SERATEGNOCH HAYA ARAT SATT MULU ENDITEBKUN TEDERGOAL

KESOST MEKINA YALANESUM EZIYAW BEMEKOM EYETETEBABEKUN YEEMBASEW
SHUMOCH BEHEDUBET HULU TEKETLEW KEMEKINACHEW ZAWAR SILU YEMAKIN-
AWOCHACHININ GOMMA BEMASTENFES KAFYALE CHIGIR ASKETLEWUBNAL

ASTAGITAW BEMENDATIM MAKINACHEWUN BEZADE ASGECHTAW TIFATEGNA
LEMASDEREG TEFETATNEWUNAL

BALEFUT ARAT AMETAT ENDIH AYNET HAYLEGNANA TSEYAF METENAKOL
(PROVOCATION) SIDEREBIN YEMEJEMERYA GUEZE BEMEHONU BEEMBASEW
LEHULACHINIM LEHIYWOTACHIN ASGI HUNETA TILOBNAL INCIDENT SAY-
IFETER BEGUDAYU GENERAL SIADIN LEMANAGER BEKETERO EGEKNALAHU
MINALBAT EMBASEWUN LEMAZEGAT HONE BLEW METENAKOLACHEW LIHON
YICHILALINA GUDAYU BEZIHIM MELK TASIBO LEMNALBAT ASFELAGEW
MERI TEZAZ TESENADTO BIKOY AYKEFAM

MELEKT MASTELALEFYA MESARIYACHIN LEDISAT SLETELAKE TELEGRAM
BEKETITA LEMELAK KAFYALE CHIGIR ALEBIN

LEMANACHEWUM HUNETAW BETAM SLASEGAGN MAICHE LEMASREDSTINA
LEMEMEKAKER ASCHEKUAY FEKAD ENDISETUGN BEMAKBER AMELEKTALEHU
(SIGNED) AYALEW

4. COMMENT: (A) WE HAVE PHYSICALLY CONFIRMED HARASSMENT OF
ETHIOPIANS: LATEST INCIDENT OCCURRED DEC 5 WHEN NSS VEHICLE
FOLLOWED ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO INTERNATIONAL GOLF CLUB LOCATED
IN NEW EMBASSY COMPOUND, PARKED NEXT TO HIS CAR, AND SUCCEEDED
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IN DEFLATING TWO OF HIS TIRES.

(B) WE HAVE PRESSED ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS AS TO WHY SOMALIS
WOULD USE THIS TACTIC AT THIS POINT AND, SPECIFICALLY, WHETHER
ANYTHING HAD OCCURRED IN ADDIS WHICH WOULD PROMPT RETALIATION.
AMBASSADOR AYALEW SAYS HE HAD EARLIER QUERIED ADDIS WHICH RE-
PLIED THERE NO SPECIAL SURVEILLANCE OF SOMALI EMBASSY THERE.
HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE SOME CONNECTION WITH CASE OF SOMALI AIR
FORCE DEFECTOR WHO NOW IN SOMALI EMBASSY ADDIS. APPARENTLY,

IEG AUTHORITIES HAD TOLD SOMALI EMBASSY THAT DEFECTOR COULD RETURN SOMALIA ONLY AFTER BEING INTERVIEWED BY IEG AND UNHCR OFFICIALS TO ASCERTAIN HIS WILLINGNESS ACCEPT VOLUNTARY RE-PARTIATION. SOMALIS HAVE REFUSED THESE CONDITIONS.

(C) THERE NO INDICATION OF SIMILARLY INCREASED SURVEILLANCE OR PETTY HARASSMENT OF U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL HERE.
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